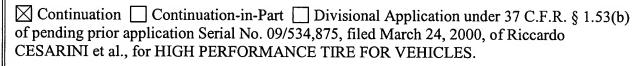
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Prior Application Art Unit: 1733 Prior Application Examiner: Maki, S.

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- \boxtimes Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration and drawings, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached prior application and drawings are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/534,875, as originally filed on March 24, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference. Additionally, I hereby verify that the attached oath or declaration is a true copy as originally filed on August 3, 2000.
- Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. 2. П
- 3. Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
- \boxtimes 4. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- \boxtimes 5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 above.

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Total Claims	1	-	20	0	x \$18		\$0.00
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6.	\boxtimes	A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.	
7.		The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or to credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.	
8.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:	
		This is a continuation division of application Serial No.[Text], filed [Date] [LIST ALL PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS IN CHAIN INCLUDING ANY PRIOR PCT APPLICATIONS, and their status], [and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/[Text], filed [Date],] [all of which are] [which is] incorporated herein by reference.	
9.		New drawings are enclosed.	
10.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned of record to: PIRELLI PNEUMATICI S.p.A.	
11.	\boxtimes	Priority of patent application Serial No. 97830471.5, filed September 26, 1997, in the European Patent Office, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy	
		is enclosed or is on file in the prior application.	
12.		Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.	
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14.	\boxtimes	The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
15.		Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 09/534,875, filed March 24, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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